



**FACULTY OF JERUEL ACADEMY, ATHENS, GA.**

All but one of the members of the faculty of this typical secondary school, a fine example of "self-help in education," is a graduate of Home Mission schools. Principal Brown is a graduate of Atlanta Baptist College, and his wife was trained at Spelman. (See page 113.)

readers, when you go South on your pleasure trips; they are not loafing around railway stations waiting to earn or get a nickel or a quarter — to such I pin my faith for the future of the Negro race, with God's blessing.

### **"They have the Teacher Spirit"**

Of the teachers, all but one was trained in our large schools, and so the good thing is being passed on. These men and women could earn more money at other work, but they have the teacher spirit, and that everywhere means sacrifice. Around this group gather each year from two hundred to three hundred pupils, mostly from the rural sections. This school receives only \$500 a year from the Society. To make such schools a possibility, to give them yearly aid and encouragement, is surely no small part of our work for the Negroes.

Here, then, is one missionary university — a system of 26 schools, 11 of collegiate grade and 19 of high-school grade, with 349 teachers and 7,812 pupils, 480 of whom are students for the ministry, bound together by a common tie and that tie their common relation to our Home Mission Society. Thus are we not only conducting our own schools, but, through friendly

counsel and coöperation, molding largely the educational work of the Negro Baptists.

### **"Real Missionary Work"**

I call this a missionary university. Does any one ask: Is this real missionary work? If one defines the word "missionary" in terms of the Great Commission the answer must be Yes, for we are, in our schools directly, and indirectly in every hamlet in the South, through the men and women whom we train, making disciples and teaching them to observe all things that the Lord has commanded. What matters it if the missionary institution is a church or a school if the thing is done?

This is the great thing. This is what our Christian denominations have done in their southern work. This is our glory and crown of rejoicing, who have made this thing possible. We have brought it to pass that the great body of Negroes



**HOME OF PRINCIPAL, JERUEL ACADEMY, ATHENS, GA.**

Hundreds of such homes are owned by the graduates of Home Mission schools. Principal and Mrs. Brown have worked hard, without salary, for years, and own their home, without debt. The place has been sold to make part of the new campus of the State University. (See page 113.)